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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1390–1393, and S. Res. 156–157, and S. Con. Res. 44.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 1393, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans, to amend title 38, United States Code, to codify the previous cost-of-living adjustment in such rates. (S. Rept. No. 106–108)

S. Res. 156, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Indian Affairs. Page S8800

Measures Passed:

Disappearance of JFK, Jr./Carolyn Bessette Kennedy/Lauren Bessette: Senate agreed to S. Res. 157, relative to the disappearance of John F. Kennedy, Jr., Carolyn Bessette Kennedy and Lauren Bessette.

Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations: Pursuant to the order of July 1, 1999, Senate passed H.R. 2490, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1282, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate on July 1, 1999. Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair, as authorized, appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Campbell, Shelby, Kyl, Stevens, Dorgan, Mikulski, and Byrd. Page S8811

Subsequently, passage of S. 1282 was vitiated and then indefinitely postponed. Page S8811

Intelligence Authorization: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1555, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related

activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to the bill on Tuesday, July 20, 1999, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed, to occur at 10:30 a.m. Page S8809

Trade Status With Vietnam/China—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for Senator Smith (N.H.) to make a motion to discharge the Finance Committee of S.J. Res. 28, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam, and to make a motion to discharge the Finance Committee of S.J. Res. 27, disapproving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of the People's Republic of China, with votes expected on or in relation to the motions to discharge, on Tuesday, July 20, 1999.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

A message from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, a report relative to the national emergency with respect to Libya; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-48).

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A message from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, a report concerning emigration laws and policies of Albania; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-49).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Andrew C. Fish, of Vermont, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Susan Ness, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 1999.

David N. Greenlee, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay.

Michael J. Gaines, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

Timothy Earl Jones, Sr., of Georgia, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission

for the term of six years.

Marie F. Ragghianti, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for the term of six years.

John R. Simpson, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

William B. Taylor, Jr., of Virginia, for the Rank of Ambassador during tenure of service as Coordinator of U.S. Assistance for the New Independent States.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and as a further mark of respect to the disappearance of JFK, Jr., Carolyn Bessette Kennedy and Lauren Bessette, in accordance with the provisions of S. Res. 157, adjourned at 4:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, July 20, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8809.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 2548–2557; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 254–255 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 850, to amend title 18, United States Code, to affirm the rights of United States persons to use and sell encryption and to relax export controls on encryption, amended (H. Rept. 106–117 part 3);

H.R. 1402, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to implement the Class I milk price structure known as Option 1–A as part of the implementation of the final rule to consolidate Federal milk marketing orders, amended (H. Rept. 106-239); and

H. Res. 253, providing for consideration of H.R. 1995, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to empower teachers, improve student achievement through high-quality professional development for teachers, and reauthorize the Reading Excellence Act (H. Rept. 106–240).

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Stearns to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Mark Moretti of Alexandria, Virginia.

Recess: The House recessed at 1:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Albanian Emigration Laws and Policies: Message wherein he transmitted a report concerning the emigration laws and policies of Albania—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–98); and

National Emergency Re Libya: Message wherein he transmitted a report concerning the national emergency with respect to Libya that was declared in Executive Order 12543 of January 7, 1986—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–99).

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Leif Ericson Millennium Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 31, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in conjunction with the minting of coins by the Republic of Iceland in commemoration of the millennium of the discovery of the New World by Leif Ericson; Page H5762-63

Congratulating Peru and Ecuador in Signing a Peace Agreement: H. Res. 25, congratulating the Government of Peru and the Government of Ecuador for signing a peace agreement ending a border dispute which has resulted in several military clashes over the past 50 years;

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Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 1033, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition (passed by a year and nay vote of 381 years to 1 nay, Roll No. 308);

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U.S. Victory in the Cold War and the Fall of the Berlin Wall: H. Con. Res. 121, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the victory of the United States in the cold war and the fall of the Berlin Wall (agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 381 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 309); and

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Iran Nuclear Proliferation Prevention: H.R. 1477, to withhold voluntary proportional assistance for programs and projects of the International Atomic Energy Agency relating to the development and completion of the Bushehr nuclear power plant in Iran (agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 383 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 310). Pages H5766–68, H5792–93

Recess: The House recessed at 4:07 p.m. and reconvened at 6:02 p.m. Page H5790

Membership of Standing Committees: Pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X, read a letter from Representative Watts of Oklahoma wherein he informed the Speaker that Representative Michael P. Forbes is no longer a member of the Republican Conference. Subsequently, read letters from the Speaker wherein he advised Chairman Young, Committee on Appropriations and Chairman Talent, Committee on Small Business, that Representative Michael P. Forbes's election to the Committees on Appropriations and Small Business have been automatically vacated pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X, effective today.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 255, electing Representative Blunt to the Committee on Appropriations.

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American Embassy Security Act: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 2415, to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, and to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000.

Pages H5768–90, H5792–H5820

Agreed to:

The Gilman amendment that authorizes \$110 million for UNICEF and \$15 million for the Asia

foundation; specifies that personnel transfers will not adversely affect women and minorities; insures the inclusion of democracy advocates in exchange programs; requires a report on the Cambodian grenade attack that killed democracy activists; and includes security assistance provisions including the transfers of excess defense articles, Foreign Military Sales, and international arms sales code of conduct;

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The Gilman en bloc amendment that establishes an international rape counseling program, Israel-Arab Peace partners program, and regulatory regime for the licensing for export of commercial satellites; requires a periodic report on the March 30, 1997 grenade attack in Cambodia; directs the Secretary of State to develop eligibility guidelines for women seeking refugee status due to gender persecution; requires a report on terrorist attacks against U.S. citizens in Israel, territory administered by Israel, or territory administered by the Palestinian Authority; allows the Secretary of State to deny passports to parents who owe more than \$2,500 in child support payments; establishes a science and technology advisor to the Secretary of State; authorizes scholarships for Tibetan and Burmese students; adds exports of crime control equipment to requirements related to the investigations of the Rosemary Nelson and Patrick Finucane cases; expresses the sense of Congress that the Magen David Adom Society be recognized as a full member of International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; and strikes provisions which restrict contributions to the United States Development Program for humanitarian projects in Burma unless certain conditions are met; and Pages H5792-98

The Kucinich amendment that requires the Secretary of State to submit a report, written by an independent panel of experts, evaluating the role of diplomacy in ending the conflict in Kosovo.

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Point of Order Sustained Against:

The Bereuter amendment that sought to permit the budgetary scoring of leased properties on an annual basis to expedite the construction of diplomatic facilities.

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Proceedings postponed:

The Smith of New Jersey amendment that seeks to prohibit contributions to the United Nations Population fund unless it ceases all its activities in China or the President certifies that there are no forced abortions associated with the Chinese population control program;

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The Campbell substitute to the Smith of New Jersey amendment that seeks to prohibit any United States contributions to the United Nations Population Fund to be used for abortion or for the population control program in China and requires a dollar

for dollar reduction of U.S. contributions if the United Nations provides any funding for the Chinese government program;

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The Sanford amendment that seeks to reduce funding to the fiscal year 1998 levels of \$12 million for the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange between East and West, \$1.5 million for the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center, and \$8 million for the Asia Foundation; and Pages H5812–16

The Paul amendment that seeks to eliminate the authorization of funding for United Nations programs.

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H. Res. 247, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 16.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5839–40.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5791, H5791–92, and H5792–93. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings TEACHER EMPOWERMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1995, Teacher Empowerment Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule makes in order the Committee on Education and the Workforce amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report, which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodling and Representatives McKeon, Fletcher, Wilson, Clay, Kildee, Martinez, Mink of Hawaii, Fattah, Kucinich and Davis of Florida.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 20, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the effects on drug switching in Medicare managed care plans, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on United States policy and military operations regarding Kosovo, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 729, to ensure that Congress and the public have the right to participate in the declaration of national monuments on federal land, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water, to hold hearings on the habitat conservation plans, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to mark up the proposed Taxpayer Refund Act of 1999, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on the nomination of A. Peter Burleigh, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines and as Ambassador to the Republic of Palau; the nomination of Robert S. Gelbard, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia; the nomination of M. Osman Siddique, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, Ambassador to the Kingdom of Tonga, and Ambassador to Tuvalu; and the nomination of Sylvia Gaye Stanfield, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, 11 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on International Operations, to hold closed hearings on issues relating to the United Nations Criminal Court, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine deceptive mailings and the need for legislation to curb the deceptive practices used in the sweepstakes, skill contests and government look-alike mailings, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on improving use of funds, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

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Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit, to consider H.R. 728, Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 1999, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, to consider the following appropriations: Energy and Water Development; Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs; and the District of Columbia, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on financial privacy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Results of Security Inspections at the Department of Energy's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to continue hearings on H.R. 2384, Corporation for Public Broadcasting Authorization Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Examining Education Programs Benefiting Native American Children, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2031, Twenty-First Amendment Enforcement Act; H.R. 1752, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1999; H.R. 2112, Multidistrict, Multiparty, Multiforum Trial Jurisdiction Act of 1999; H.R. 2336, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for appointment of United States marshals by the Attorney General; H.R. 456, for the relief of the survivors of the 14 members of the Armed Forces and the one United States civilian Federal employee who were killed on April 14, 1994, when

United States fighter aircraft mistakenly shot down 2 United States helicopters; and H.R. 1788, Nazi Benefits Termination Act of 1999; and to consider pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.R. 2260, Pain Relief Promotion Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn

Committee on Resources, oversight hearing on Federal Aid Programs (under the Dingell-Johnson Act and Wallop-Breaux Act) administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1615, Lamprey Wild and Scenic River Extension Act; H.R. 1665, to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation; and H.R. 2140, to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2488, Financial Freedom Act of 1999, 1 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health,

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on confidentially of health information, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on promoting adoption and other permanent placements, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 9 a.m., Tuesday, July 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1555, Intelligence Authorization, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to occur at 10:30 a.m.; following which, Senator Smith (N.H.) will be recognized to make a motion to discharge from the Finance Committee S.J. Res. 28, regarding the trade status with Vietnam, and at 2:15 p.m., Senator Smith (N.H.) will again be recognized to make a motion to discharge from the Finance Committee S.J. Res. 27, regarding the trade status with China, with votes expected on or in relation to the motions to dis-

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of 1 Suspension, H. Con. Res. 158—Designating the Memorial Door in Honor of Officers Chestnut and Gibson;

Consideration of H.R. 1995, Teacher Empowerment Act of 1999 (Structured Rule, One Hour of General De-

Consideration of H.R. 2415, American Embassy Security Act of 1999 (Continue Consideration).

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